



**PATENT**

**Attorney Docket No. 033B/US/PCT/US  
00537-072005**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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IN RE APPLICATION OF : :  
**SHALABY, Shalaby W. et al.** :  
APPLICATION NO.: **09/890,013** :  
FILED: **November 15, 2001** :  
FOR: **IONIC MOLECULAR CONJUGATES  
OF BIODEGRADABLE POLYESTERS  
AND BIOACTIVE POLYPEPTIDES** :  
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REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

In response to the Office Action (Paper No. 6) mailed on June 5, 2003, the period for response there having been extended so as to expire on December 5, 2003 pursuant to Applicants' Petition for Extension of Time filed concurrently with this Reply, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

The present amendments follow the revised format procedure mandated in 68 Fed. Reg. 38611, published June 30, 2003.

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